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Letter To The Editor

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Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor and Publisher
The Times-Virginian
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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Being formally in business for myself for 10 years, I've read and listened to the complaints of the odor from the Virginia Fibre Corporation at Riverville with much interest and I can't understand why people can't realize that with all progress there must be a little sacrifice, and also realize that along with that odor, that it's putting food on a lot of tables, clothes on a lot of backs, school books, better cars, and a better life for people who would otherwise be unemployed.

We Need woodcutters, as we need our Doctors, Lawyers, Our State Policemen and all the other workers that make a community grow. Walk into a supermarket or any kind of business, and think for one minute what would we do without paper? Without the paper industry there would be more people on Welfare, which would mean more taxes on the working people, more Food Stamps, more crime, more children without books, pencils and paper for a better education.

It is my firm belief that we who complain the most are the ones that hurt the least; and that we should count our blessings in having a county that wants to grow. We are not and cannot live in horse and buggy days anymore, and we must lead, follow, or get out of the way and give our young people jobs at home. I think we as individuals should stand behind our businesses and industries, because other businessmen will read these complaints and will locate their business somewhere else.

Those complaining should get a lawn chair and sit for one hour watching traffic on Route 60; they will see that almost every third vehicle is a chip-truck or a pulpwood truck. The wood business for Appomattox, Buckingham, Amherst, and Nelson Counties is the biggest income these counties have. Close the wood industry for 30 days and almost everything halts, like some celebrity is dead and everyone has gone to the funeral.

Virginia Fibre Corporation uses 425 cords of wood per day at a cost of $11,000. pays $10,000 in Labor and Salaries per day, pays $400.00 for taxes per day and employees 218 people. The Riverville plant is of the latest design in equipment and technology. They are striving to meet all requirements and I'm sure given time they will succeed.

I graduated in Buckingham in 1949 and moved to Appomattox County and have been glad to see growth in homes, factories and industry 3 or 4 times its size since my moving here. Buckingham is still very much the same as far as its growth in industry. Then, as it is now, your people have to leave the county to find work to make living for themselves. Now throughout the county you see road signs "Industry Welcome", they have just begun to see what industry can do for them, but its hard to bring industry into the county when it has been turned down for years or the majority of people grip about it when business do build.

I live about 7 miles, as a crow flies, from Virginia Fibre and since they have made improvements two months ago there has been no odor here. I'm sure the people in the earthquake torn countries would be glad to exchange places with us. We're not living in the shadow of a volcano eruption and there is no war in our streets. When the odor from Virginia Fibre was bad, still even then, our complaints are so small compared to theirs.

In our 200th year of progress and industry, let's all try to be a little more thankful for what we have and live in peace with God and man the few years we pass this way. Let our County and surrounding areas grow for a better tomorrow for the generations yet unborn.

Sincerely
Mrs. P. B. Wright
Rt.2, Gladstone, Va.
Former Owner Wrights Service and Grocery

Pamplin

The Pamplin Chapter of AARP **will not** have their regular meeting this month.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. E. N. Cunningham last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill and Cliff Welch of Beckley, West Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cunningham of Richmond, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Isbell of Mechansville, Mr. and Mrs. George Shorter and Tina, Mr. Booker Cunningham of Darlington Heights and Rev. John Cunningham of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chaney of Westfield, Mass. arrived Tuesday for a visit with their niece, Mrs. Howard T. Williams Jr. and Mr. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cobb, Steve and Tom spent the Labor Day week-end in Williamsburg.

Mrs. Sadie W. Brightwell entertained her sisters and brothers and their families last Sunday. They were from Richmond, Burkeville, and Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin and son Jeff or Richmond visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby last week-end.

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The Pastor Speaks

THE PASTOR SPEAKS

As a minister received a new appointment and entered into the activities of a new community, he was invited to join a civic luncheon club. When introducing him, the president jokingly said they were going to elect him "chief hog caller" for the club.

In responding, the minister said, "Gentlemen, I certainly appreciate the very great honor you have conferred upon me. When I came to this community, I had expected to be a shepherd of a flock, but of course you know your crowd better than I do."

Although it was all in jest and good fun, that club soon realized the value of having a good name. We are all concerned for the good name of our families and community where we live. We like to have things happen that bring out the good qualities of our people and that make a good impression on others.

The writer of Proverbs states: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold." The name of Jesus was both despised and revered; despised by those who found his simplicity and faith threatening to their power, selfishness and faithlessness, but revered and worshipped by those who experienced the care of his attention and healing of his ministry.

What kind of name do we have as Christians? It is of primary concern. It will affect our witness and influence. It is not enough to just cry out "Lord, Lord!" We must do the will of our heavenly Father. Then the name Christian will have no uncertain sound in a confusing and confused world.

P. Edward Leonard, Jr.,
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The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976

Heirs of God's Grace

Scripture: Romans 4 1-25; Galatians 3 19-4:7

In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. Galatians 3:26.

Although the Old Testament reveals God as a God of grace who manifests it in the forgiveness of sins and in showing favor to men, the Jews of the first century, A.D. had come to regard obedience to and observance of the law of Moses as the way to salvation. This attitude had developed during and after the Babylonian exile. Post-exilic Jews attributed the downfall of the kingdom of Judah and the loss of nationhood to failure to obey God's laws, correct assessment their history. In the consequent emphasis on the law, however, they overlooked the fact that even under law salvation is the gift of God which he gives not because man deserves or earns it but because God loves man. Therefore Jewish doctrine in the era of Jesus and Paul held that man saves himself by obeying the law, a doctrine of salvation by works.

After his conversion Paul came to realize, probably through instruction he himself received from Christ and certainly through revelation by the Holy Spirit, the inability of the law and man's works to save him from slavery to sin and to restore him to fellowship with God. He saw with exceptional clarity the meaning of grace and the significance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the operations of God's grace for all mankind. This concept he developed brillantly in his letters to the Galation Christians, who were being taught that circumcision (something that man does), was essential to salvation, and to the Romans.

In the observance of the law, particular emphasis was put on circumcision. As bitter a controvesy as the early Church experience concerned it, Staunch Jews who had become Christians held that it was necessary for Christians. Paul led the faction which maintained that it was not, and so cogent was his argument supported by the coming of the Holy Spirit to uncircumcised Gentiles, that his view prevailed and Christians were freed from the requirement to conform to this practice.

To support his position that grace is the unmerited favor of God and not earned by man's works, Paul went to the beginning of the Jewish religion. He showed that Abraham's faith was credited to his as rightousness before he was circumcised. The promises, that God would make of him a great nation and give to his descendants the land from Egypt to the Euphrates, were also made before he was circumcised. Abraham was 75 years old when God called him to go from Haran to the Land of Promise and 99 when he was circumcised.

Circumsion was instituted the family of Abraham as a sign of God's convent with him. Thus it was to be the outward sign that those who were circumcised lived in convenant with God. But God entered into convenant with Abraham because He chose to do so, not because Abraham had earned this favor. God gave to Abraham the grace to live in faith and to trust Him to fulfill ths promises.

Writing to the Romans, Paul portrays Abraham as the father of all those who live in faith, whether circumcised or uncircumcised. Thus he explains the message of John the Baptist that God is able to raise up of stones children to Abraham (Matthew 3:9; Luke 3:8).

Writing to the Galatains, Paul indentifies the offspring of Abraham, to whom the promises were also made, as Christ. He interprets the law as a guardian or custodian or trustee until Christ came. In consequence of his faith in Christ, the believer no longer needs a guardian, for he has become a son of God, enjoying the freedon of sonship. Sons are heirs, a point of special significance to both Jews and Gentiles in Paul's day and meaningful to us now. The inheritance is God's grace, freely given. God makes it possible for all to become His sons, though He requires those who would become sons to accept sonship through faith, which again is the gift of His grace.

God's grace does not free believers from the responsibility to serve, for ministry and mission are demonstrations of God's grace working through believers. Through His grace God equips believers, undesering as they are, to carry on His work in the world.

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